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SUBJECT: UNHCR APPROACH TO KHMER UN DELEGATION

REF: STATE 215368

1. DURING MEETING SEPTEMBER 11 BETWEEN A NUMBER OF CHIEFS OF MISSION AND UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (SEPTTEL), CHARGE RAISED PRIVATELY WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THE NEED TO APPROACH THE KHMER DELEGATION AT THE UN REGARDING THE 90 CAMBODIANS WHO WISH REPATRIATION. CHARGE STRESSED THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER.

2. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID HE WOULD MOST CERTAINLY HELP AND WOULD DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO FACILITATE REPATRIATION OF THE 90 CAMBODIANS. HE WAS UNCERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT NEW YORK WAS THE BEST PLACE FOR THE UNHCR TO MAKE ITS BID. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE KHMER DELEGATION TO THE UN INCLUDED A NUMBER OF "HARDLINERS." HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO MAKE AN APPROACH IN PARIS OR PERHAPS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE SAID HE WANTED TO CONSIDER THIS FURTHER WITH HIS STAFF BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION.

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3. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER REAFFIRMED THAT HE WILL DEFINITELY
RAISE IN HANOI THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO
RETURN TO VIETNAM.
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